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1. The Santiago tabloid newspaper Extra suspended publication last week for an indefinite period. El Siglo, Santiago's Communist Party newspaper, printed and supported Extra, which has been operating at a loss for some months. The circulation had diminished to an approximate three thousand daily subscribers despite a reduction in price to one peso, and the advertising lineage had fallen to fifty centimeters daily. The paper was reportedly losing five thousand pesos per day.
2. Officials of El Siglo claim that over 500,000 pesos were lost in the thirteen months' operation of Extra. A few months ago El Siglo suspended all such advances to Extra due to the latter's failure to maintain its circulation, but they continued to print the paper free of charge. Last week the Central Committee of the Communist Party ordered Americo Zorilla, administrator of El Siglo, to notify publishers of Extra that they would no longer print or grant credit to that paper.
3. Juan de Luigi, editor of Extra, attempted to obtain funds from Rudecindo Ortega, Radical Party leader and Communist sympathizer, when the closing of the newspaper seemed imminent. Ortega agreed to work with Extra for an experimental period of one month in order to see if the newspaper could be reorganized. He put in a small amount of capital (estimated at seventy-five thousand pesos), but at the end of the month the financial condition was unaltered. De Luigi is now attempting to obtain capital from Roberto Wacholtz, former Chilean Finance Minister, but it is considered unlikely that the newspaper will resume publication.

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